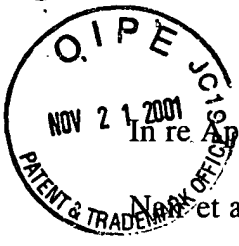


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the finding of a lack of unity of invention and entry of the present amendment. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (two months) and authorization to charge Deposit Account 07-1969 the amount of \$454.00 which includes \$54.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of three additional dependent claims, and \$400.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 for the extension. It is believed that the present response does not require the payment of any additional fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.17. If the amount submitted is incorrect, however, please deduct from Deposit Account No. 07-1969 the appropriate fee for this submission and any extension of time required.